

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE:

State-Mandated Cost Claiming Proposal

MEETING DATE:

October 6, 1993

PREPARED BY:

Assistant City Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council authorize David M. Griffith and Associated, Ltd. (DMG) to prepare the City of Lodi's SB90 claims, and authorize the City Manager to

execute the Agreement with DMG.

BACKGROUND:

SB90 is the short form of legislation passed a number of years ago requiring the State to reimburse cities

for mandated costs. DMG has been doing this for the

City for quite some time. They specialize in State-mandated cost filings and have an excellent track record.

Because they specialize in this type of work, they make little demand on the City staff. The actual cost to the City of Lodi will be slight, as the cost of submitting the claim is reimburseable.

Staff does not have the time nor expertise to perform this work in the same manner as DMG. Therefore, we strongly urge the Council to authorize this agreement.

FUNDING: Budgeted for in the 1993/94 Operating Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeyry L. Glenn

Assistant City Manager

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APPROVED

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August 26, 1993

Mr. Jerry Glenn Assistant City Manager City of Lodi Call Box 3006 Lodi, CA 95241-1910

City Manager's Office

RE: State Mandated Cost Claiming Proposal

Dear Mr. Glenn:

The 1993-94 state mandated cost claiming season has arrived. The State Budget and this year's SB 90 claims bill have both passed. Once again, David M. Griffith & Associates (DMG) would welcome the opportunity to prepare the City of Lodi's SB 90 claims.

This year the process will be somewhat different from past years. As you know, each fall cities file prior year actual cost claims and estimated claims for the current fiscal year. This year the process and deadlines for filing your FY 1992-93 actual costs claims has been divided into two distinct periods - one covering the full fiscal year and one covering last July and August when the State went without a Budget. The result is more claims to prepare, but not necessarily much additional revenue for the City. A list of the claims is provided on the first page of the attached contract.

1992-93 Annual and Two-Month Claims

Despite the State's budget difficulties, there are a number of mandates which are still eligible for reimbursement. DMG will file claims associated with this Fall's annual claiming instructions and the instructions associated with the two month claims covering costs incurred in July and August 1992 for previously suspended mandates.

The Controller still has not determined how the two-month claims will be filed. The three options being considered: 1) paying actual costs for these months, 2) paying 1/6th of the costs of actual annual costs, or 3) some combination of the first two options, depending on the program being claimed.

We anticipate that this years two part claiming cycle will require more effort than past annual claiming periods. More people will need to be interviewed and more claims will need to be prepared and filed. While the two claiming processes need to be coordinated, the claims themselves will be submitted to the Controller under two separate sets of claiming instructions and deadlines.

Costs of Services

DMG will prepare all regular and two-month state mandated cost claims for \$4,000 dollars. The payment is split 60-40, with 60% due upon submission of the claims due in November and 40% due upon submission of the 2-month claims at a subsequent date.

Advantages of DMG's Services

There are several reasons to join the over 130 cities and 25 counties that use DMG's state mandated costs claim filing services each year.

• State Reimbursement for DMG Claim Preparation Costs

The costs of preparing the City's State mandated cost claims is reimbursed by the State. That includes the city staff time and the consultant's costs. You may have recently received a letter from the Controller indicating they are currently reviewing what consultant costs are reimbursable. We have had several discussions with the Controller's office on this issue and hope to get a final decision from them before too long. Based on those discussions, we believe most, if not all of our fees will continue to be reimbursed by the State.

• Knowledge of Programs and Eligible Costs

DMG has specialized in the state mandated cost area for nearly ten years. To our knowledge, we are the only firm that actually files state mandated cost claims. Our consultants are well grounded in each mandate and the associated activities that are eligible for payment.

• Increased Indirect Costs for Each Claim

DMG is a cost accounting firm and one of its claiming strengths is preparing separate indirect cost rate proposals (ICPRs) to apply to the direct personnel costs in each department involved with state mandated cost activities. By developing ICPRs we are often able to substantially increase the claim amount.

David M. Griffith & Associates, Ltd.

DMG is a national firm serving state and local governments. Over 225 cities and special districts and all 58 counties in California are clients of DMG. In the State Mandated Cost area, we are the only firm serving local governments. We are endorsed by both the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties for SB 90 cost claiming.

Contract Enclosed

For your convenience, I have enclosed two copies of an executed contract for claim filing services. If you wish to retain our services, simply sign and return one copy of the executed Agreement to me. To guarantee acceptance, the attached Agreement should be signed and returned by September 30, 1993 so we can schedule and compete the work in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your consideration of our proposal. I will be contacting you in the near future to determine your interest in our services. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can reach me or David Wellhouse, in our Sacramento office, at (916) 485-8102 or Terry Birgel, in our Pasadena office at (818) 564-0406.

Sincerely yours,

Allan P. Burdick Vice President

APB:nr

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December 1, 1993

Allan P. Burdick Vice President David M. Griffith and Associates, Ltd. 5715 Marconi Avenue, Suite A Carmichael, CA 95608

Dear Mr. Burdick:

Enclosed herewith for your files please find fully executed agreement for your firm to provide State Mandated Cost Claiming services to the City of Lodi. The City Council adopted this agreement at its regular meeting of October 6, 1993.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact my office.

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